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Support the Bayard Rustin Stamp Campaign

Bayard Rustin was a deeply committed activist whose contributions to our country continue to impact and inform the social movements of today. Rustin was a strong proponent of nonviolence and civil disobedience. He greatly influenced Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a key advisor and leading strategist in the civil rights movement. Rustin was a champion for social justice in various spheres over the span of his life. He worked for the dignity and rights of those who were most disenfranchised—including African Americans, workers, and LGBT people, among others.

Rustin orchestrated the famous 1963 March on Washington, arguably one of the most profound and well known displays of collective peaceful protest in our country's history. As a gay man, Rustin has not always been recognized for his role as a significant changemaker. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Freedom by former President Barack Obama, an accolade well deserved. In that same spirit, the Bayard Rustin National Stamp Campaign seeks to recognize the exceptional work of

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this dynamic, inspiring individual by creating a commemorative U.S. Postage Stamp in his honor.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors support the Bayard Rustin National Stamp Campaign and its efforts to pay homage to the life and work of an American visionary.

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